

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows (detail of claim amendments included herewith):

10. (Three Times Amended) A formulation comprising a combination of at least one plant oil chosen from oils of fennel, basil, or active ingredients thereof together with at least one of the group comprising benzoic acid, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben, wherein the active ingredients of the plant oils are trans-anethole, fenchone or estragole, and the concentration of fennel oil or basil oil or active ingredient thereof is between 0.01% to 1%, wherein said formulation is used as a micro-organism inhibitor.

11. (Three Times Amended) A formulation as claimed in claim 10 wherein the concentration of benzoic acid, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben is from 0.01% to 1%.